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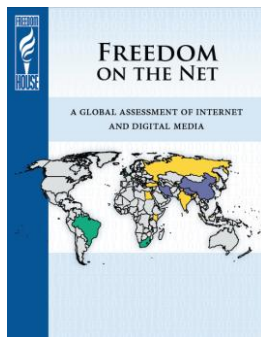
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WEB ALERT

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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ARTICLES & REPORTS



"Freedom on the Net: A Global Assessment of Internet and Digital Media"

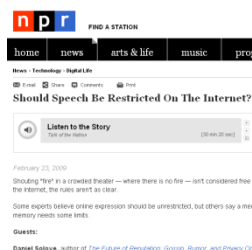
[Freedom House](http://www.freedomhouse.org), April 1, 2009, 126 pages.

This study of internet censorship focuses on the level of internet and mobile-phone freedom experienced by average users and activists in a sampling of 15 countries around the globe.

Full text currently available at:

http://www.freedomhouse.org/uploads/specialreports/NetFreedom2009/FreedomOnTheNet_FullReport.pdf [PDF format; 2.73 MB]

"Should Speech Be Restricted on the Internet?"



[Daniel Solove](http://www.npr.org) and [Nicole Wong](http://www.npr.org). *National Public Radio's Talk of the Nation*, February 23, 2009, 9 pages.

Should there be complete and total unencumbered free speech on the internet or should there be some restrictions on images or video that contain people's private information? Should there be anonymity, the expectation that you're able to post anything, perhaps everything, with impunity? Where does one draw the line when it comes to free speech on the Internet? The authors discuss the issues around restriction of free speech on the Internet.

Full text currently available at:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/transcript/transcript.php?storyId=101055386>

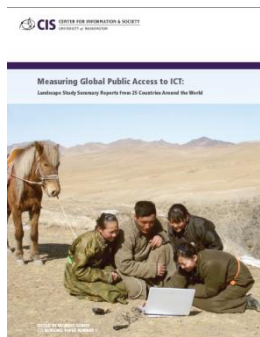
"Security, Openness and Privacy"

[Marc Rotenberg](#), et al. ***Fourth Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum***, November 15-18, 2009, 83 pages.

Access to the Internet has become much more important recently, given that billions of people use the Internet each day. Security, openness and privacy are interlinked and the key question now is how to find the right balance among the access to knowledge, freedom of expression, and protection of intellectual property rights.

Full text currently available at:

<http://www.un.org/webcast/igf/2009/plenary/transcript/pl091116pm1.pdf> [PDF format; 168 KB]



"Measuring Global Public Access to ICT: Landscape Study Summary Reports from 25 Countries around the World"

[Ricardo Gomez](#), Ed. ***Center for Information and Society Working Paper No. 7***, May 2009, 141 pages.

Understanding public access to information is particularly important in developing countries where there is often limited private access to information and communication technologies. This study examines how people around the world access and use information and computers in public settings, such as public libraries and cybercafés, covering a sampling of 25 developing countries with over 250,000 public access

settings.

Full text currently available at:

<http://cis.washington.edu/depositary/landscape/documents/CIS-WorkingPaperNo7.pdf> [PDF format; 4.41 MB]

WEB RESOURCES

Global Internet Freedom Consortium

The organization's mission is to build a pioneering online platform that breaks down the "Great Firewalls" that block the free flow of information penetrating into, moving within, and originating from closed societies via the Internet.

URL: <http://www.internetfreedom.org/>

Global Network Initiative

The Initiative is a coalition that joins information and communication technology companies, civil society organizations (including human rights and press freedom groups), socially responsible investors and academics in an effort to promote the rule of law and the adoption of laws, policies and practices that protect and respect freedom of expression and privacy through collaboration among companies, NGOs, investors and academics.

URL: <http://www.globalnetworkinitiative.org/>

American Civil Liberties Union

The American Civil Liberties Union is an organization dedicated to defending and expanding civil liberties and civil rights in America. Its job is to conserve America's original civic values as maintained in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

URL: <http://www.aclu.org/>

United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

UNESCO promotes freedom of expression and freedom of the press and fosters media independence and pluralism by providing advisory services on media legislation and by making governments, parliamentarians and other decision-makers aware of the need to guarantee free expression.

URL: <http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php->

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